



TOWN OF KNIGHTDALE
PLANNING AND ENGINEERING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale, North Carolina 27545

September 12, 2011

The Knightdale Planning and Engineering Committee met in the conference room in the Town of Knightdale Town Hall at 5:30 on September 12, 2011.

ITEM I. CALL TO ORDER

...Councilor Gleason called the meeting to order at 5:33pm, Monday September 12, 2011.

ATTENDING: Councilor Gleason, Mark Swan, Myron Kelly, Fred Boone, Seth Lawless, Jeff Triezenberg, Brad Johnson

ITEM II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

...Mr. Boone moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Swan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM III. OLD BUSINESS

1. First Avenue, Phase 1

Mr. Boone noted that once the final easement had been received, they had been sent to progress energy to be recorded. The Town has issued a notice of award to PLTE construction. At this time the major focus is ensuring that utilities are in place before construction begins.

2. Roundabout at Widewaters

Mr. Boone noted that the one track that had crossed the median was considered to be an isolated incident and not indicative of design problems.

3. BB&T right turn lane and crosswalk

Mr. Boone noted that the process needed to proceed through several more agencies for approval and documents had been submitted to the appropriate authorities in the past week. No concerns are expected. Mr. Boone expressed that he still felt the project was on target for spring construction 2012.

ITEM IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Cell Tower Ordinance Changes (ZTA-9-11)

Mr. Triezenberg distributed documents about a text amendment that would enhance the Town's regulation of Cell Towers. The new ordinance would take into account several factors not originally included such as removal cost and bonding and surety guarantees. Mr. Triezenberg noted that regional examples had been studied and offered that the town cap cell tower max height at 200 feet, with standards for collocation based on the height of the tower. He asked the committee if they had interest in scattered or collocated towers. The group noted that since the town limited the districts that they were allowed in this already happened de-facto.

... Councilor Poirier arrived 5:50pm.

Mr. Lawless asked about the reach for a tower. Mr. Triezenberg did not know.

Mr. Boone was interested in the Town's limitation from liability on Tower regulation.

Mr. Triezenberg noted that the legal framework for Cell Towers has changed.

2. Code Compliance

Mr. Triezenberg noted that changes to code compliance were ongoing in an effort to make the process more efficient.

ITEM V. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Smoke free areas

Briefly the committee discussed smoking in public parks and the restrictions imposed by nearby communities. There was consensus on approaching this topic first in the October meeting.

ITEM VI. ADJOURNMENT

... Mr. Boone moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Gleason seconded. Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.

Attest, Councilor Gleason

Clerk to the Planning and Engineering Committee, Brad Johnson